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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Like you, my family and I have been deeply affected by recent news of natural and manmade disasters. I know that the people of Utah are the most caring, charitable, and philanthropic in the nation. I know that many of you have already sought for ways to make a difference in the lives of those who have been challenged by recent events.

I write today to make a special appeal on behalf of those seeking to rebuild their lives in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. The ravages of Hurricanes Irma and Maria have left many bereft of basic resources. If you haven't done so already, I would encourage you to contribute generously to faith-based and other reputable efforts that are providing meaningful support to the individuals and families caught in ruinous post-hurricane conditions.

If you are looking for a way to contribute, the United Way of Great Salt Lake has set up an account specifically for donations to Puerto Ricans in need. You can contribute at puertorico.uw.org or call 211. This fund will supply those in need with food, water, medical supplies, and more.

It is hard to conceive of the struggle faced by so many fellow Americans living without ready access to clean drinking water, power, communications and basic medical supplies. Imagine how you would feel if your family were in their shoes – you and your children without a home to return to, struggling to eat and cut off from those you know and love. This is the life our brothers and sisters have been living for weeks, and unless we take action, these awful conditions will continue for the foreseeable future.

Thank you for your compassion, generosity, and love. It is our duty as Americans to help our fellow citizens in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. With your help, we can all weather life's storms together.

Sincerely,

Gary R. Herbert
Governor